

**Disposition of Remains in Mali** (updated January 23, 2021)  
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Country Profile: Mali is an Islamic country and follows Islamic customs; burial usually takes place within a few hours of death; cremation is not available. There are numerous mosques in Bamako and several Christian churches. Laws and regulations are national in scope.

The only mortician in Bamako serving the foreign community is Funeral Home Keita (Pompes Funèbres Keita): +223 66784065 or 76238698, [pompesfunebreskeita@gmail.com](mailto:pompesfunebreskeita@gmail.com)

- A. Maximum period before burial - A body that has not been embalmed can remain in cold storage for seven days before burial is required; there is no specific period in which an embalmed body must be buried.
- B. Embalming - There are embalming facilities at the medical school located at Point G Hospital in Bamako and at the Centre Odonto in Bamako Coura. Bodies are preserved using the formalin process. Bodies must be embalmed within three days.
- C. Casket and Containers - Caskets and containers can be manufactured on short notice in Bamako; those used to ship remains internationally are considerably more expensive.
- D. Exportation of Remains - Exporting a body requires approval by decree of the Ministry of the Interior (Administration Territoriale et des Collectivités). The following must be presented to the Ministry to obtain the decree: Medical certificate, Permission to Embalm, Affidavit by local mortician, Police Report (in some cases) and Death Report.
- E. Costs  
*Approximate exchange rate: 540 f CFA to 1 U.S. dollar, subject to fluctuation.*

<b>Local Burial</b>	
Wooden Coffin (the quality of the wood and workmanship differs)	570 000 f CFA 325 000 f CFA
Grave	175 000 f CFA
Burial	40 000 f CFA
Plate (with name)	30 000 f CFA
Transportation from the morgue to the cemetery	70 000 f CFA
Other fees	65 000 f CFA
<b>Total</b>	950 000 f CFA or 705 000 f CFA
<b>Exportation of Remains</b>	
Coffin	570 000 f CFA
Metallic container with accessories	482 000 f CFA
Purifier (2 G)	150 000 f CFA
Washing of the body	16 000 f CFA
Embalming costs	240 000 f CFA
Body Bag	110 000 f CFA
Administrative fees	70 000 f CFA
Sealing of the coffin	197 000 f CFA
Fees for assistants	130 000 f CFA
Phone calls	40 000 f CFA
Plate with name	15 000 f CFA
Transportation to the airport	80 000 f CFA
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 100 000 f CFA</b>

- F. Remains can be disinterred for shipment to the US at any time after burial. One must pay for labor of the cemetery workers, plus the preparation and shipping costs above.